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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R.

§§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants submit for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following disclosure:

P.H. Fang, et al. "Evidence for Fullerene in a Coal of Yunnan, Southwestern China", Mat. Res. Innoval, 1997 1:130-132.

This disclosure is also listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 form. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the disclosure is also submitted herewith.

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Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a First Office Action. Although a Final Rejection was issued in the above-identified application, on November 30, 1993, the above-identified application was placed in interference by the United States Patent and Trademark Office; when applicants attorney spoke with Judge Metz, Judge Metz indicated that the Office Action can be ignored and treated as if it never issued. (See letter to U.S.P.T.O., dated March 25, 1994 filed herewith). No further Office Action was issued in the above-identified case.

Therefore, applicants need not file a Petition to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

However, since the Information Disclosure Statement is being issued subsequent to the issuance of a First Office Action on the merits, applicants authorize the payment of the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), as indicated on the accompanying transmittal letter filed herewith.

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